

MINUTES OF THE TWENTY-FIFTH MEETING OF SUBCOMMITTEE ON
EXPLOITATION OF FOREIGN LANGUAGE PUBLICATIONS

30 April 1954

Present

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Members: [REDACTED] CIA, Chairman
[REDACTED] CIA
Lt. Cdr. Gilbert W. Roberts, Navy
Maj. Matthias F. Donelan, Air Force

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Consultants: [REDACTED] CIA
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[REDACTED] NSA
Roger Keeney, Air Force (ATIC)
William Hudson, Navy

1. The twenty-fifth meeting convened at 1400 hours and the minutes of the twenty-fourth meeting were approved.

2. ATIC Proposal

Navy: Lt. Cdr. Roberts stated that he had surveyed their resources and found that the linguistic staff was so limited and the workload so heavy that Navy cannot assist in the proposed abstracting.

Air Force: Maj. Donelan still felt that the type of abstracting suggested in ATIC's proposal is necessary and that the commercial services are not timely enough to satisfy the need.

CIA: [REDACTED] stated that he had made a survey of the coverage by commercial services and on the findings he would have to modify his original consideration. The indication was that a rather large number of titles on the list of 54 are not covered by commercial services.

Air Force: Mr. Keeney stated that he would like to see a trial effort between AID and FDB and review it after six months to see whether it should be revised or readjusted.

The Chairman stated that FDB would undertake to cover 16 titles not covered by commercial services. ATIC and AID would then cover the remaining 38 titles.

[REDACTED] added that he would like it understood that this would not conflict with agreed effort on any of the other items on the agenda.

The Chairman agreed.

The members present agreed that FDB's "Periodical Abstracts" should be discontinued with the beginning of this program.

The Chairman stated that he would get in touch with representatives not present and if they concurred, FDD would cease the production of "Periodical Abstracts."

The Committee agreed that the new abstracts should be reported on cards, and that details of format and distribution should be handled by [REDACTED] in coordinating with ATIC and AID officials.

3. [REDACTED] presented a draft of recommendations to the Procurement Committee. Copies were distributed to each member preparatory to consideration at the next meeting.

4. FDD survey on "Sources of Contents Lists."

Navy: Lt. Cdr. Roberts presented a short list received by Navy but it was determined that none of these were needed by the members.

5. Mr. Pugh's statement that AID was prepared to produce annotations of all Soviet scientific and technical books received in AID in their phase one operation was confirmed by Maj. Donelan and Mr. Keeney as a "de facto" operation.

6. Regarding so-called "fringe material" the Chairman stated that FDD was prepared to handle such Russian material as is received by ONI and FDD.

7. Maj. Donelan will investigate the possibility of AID covering Eastern satellite scientific and technical books. All members were requested to investigate their potentials for handling Satellite scientific and technical material.

8. The Chairman stated that in covering the first item on the Agenda particular emphasis had been on the USSR. Agenda for the next meeting will be:

- a. Any additional considerations necessary for scientific and technical material of the Satellites, including China.
- b. Free World scientific and technical material
- c. Agreements on handling non-scientific Chinese material
- d. Consideration of future agenda.

A summary of Committee agreements to date on scientific and technical material is attached hereto.

9. The meeting adjourned at 1530 hours. The next meeting will be held at 1400 hours, Friday, 14 May 1954 in Room 2125 M Building.

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